

*Washington, DC* - Congressman John Hall (NY-19) took to the House floor today to defeat a problematic amendment offered to H.R. 5288, the FY 2011 Military Construction and Department of Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill and continue his work as a veterans advocate. With Hall's support the amendment was defeated 128 to 296.

The amendment would have cut funding for renovating the Urgent Care Center at the VA's Castle Point Campus. The funding in the Appropriations bill will increase the Center's capacity by making it more accommodating for female veterans and improving the infection control mechanisms.

"It is our duty to make sure the men and women who risk their lives and sacrifice so much for our values and freedoms, are taken care of when they return home," said Rep. Hall.

Last year the Castle Point Urgent Care Center served nearly 6,000 veterans, a number expected to grow by 22 percent in the next two years. Castle Point, built in 1926, is one of the oldest VA hospitals still in operation and the Urgent Care Center has never undergone a major renovation.

[View Congressman Hall's entire speech on the subject](#) .